

## **NASA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

The NASA College Scholarship Fund, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation, was established to award scholarships to qualified dependents of NASA and former NASA employees, Agencywide.

The scholarship fund was established as the direct result of a substantial unsolicited gift offer by the noted Pulitzer Prize winning author, James A. Michener, who gave as his reasons for the gift that he held the people of NASA in such high esteem for their good work through the years and that he thought it important for education to go forward in this country. Other significant contributions have been made by the Freedom Forum to honor Shuttle crewmembers and the JSC and KSC Chapters of the NASA Alumni League. Many NASA employees have also contributed to the fund directly or through the Combined Federal Campaign.

The NASA College Scholarship Fund, Inc., was incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas on October 20, 1982, to receive contributions and to use those contributions and/or income therefrom exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes; namely, the awarding of college scholarships to full-time students who are dependents of current or retired employees of NASA and dependents of current reimbursable detailees to NASA. In addition, college scholarships may be awarded to full-time students who are dependents of former NASA Employees or reimbursable detailees to NASA who died while employed by NASA.

Since 1982, 109 scholarships have been awarded to dependents of NASA employees from across the Agency. There are presently 24 dependents who are receiving the scholarship grant.

### **Number and Type of Scholarships Available**

Five scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000 each in this 22nd year of the program (2004-2005 school year). The renewable scholarship is for a maximum of \$8,000 over 6 calendar years. Applicants must be pursuing a course of study in a science or engineering field that will lead to a recognized undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university in the United States.

### **Contributions by NASA Employees**

Many NASA employees from all NASA Centers and Headquarters have made tax deductible contributions (mainly via the Combined Federal Campaign) to the fund to ensure that future scholarships will be available. The fund has very low administrative expenses; therefore, almost all income is dedicated to the corporation's sole purpose of providing scholarships to NASA dependents. Contributions may be made at any time, and they may be mailed to the address provided herein.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

All applicants must, in addition to the NASA dependency requirement, graduate from an accredited public, private, or parochial high school before the 2004 fall semester or be currently enrolled in college with good academic standing. An applicant must have a minimum combined high school and college (if any) grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent. Applicants who are dependents of current or retired NASA employees must be dependents of NASA employees who are actually employed by NASA for a period of 2 years as of January of the scholarship year. There is no minimum period of employment requirement for eligible dependents of former NASA employees or former reimbursable detailees to NASA who died while employed by NASA.

A dependent under this program is defined as a student who is currently lawfully claimed as a dependent on the Federal income tax return of a current NASA employee or a retired NASA employee or as a student who was lawfully claimed at the time of death on the Federal income tax return of a former NASA employee or a former reimbursable detailee to NASA who died while employed by NASA. In case of divorced or separated parents, dependency can be established upon proof of the above requirements by either parent. If the claiming parent is not the NASA employee (reimbursable detailee or retiree or former employee/reimbursable detailee) then proof of the divorce or legal separation is also required. Any officer of the Corporation is authorized to make dependency determinations based on the requirements of the Bylaws.

After meeting the minimum requirements, applicants will be ranked based on the following objective standards: (1) academic preparation, including all high school grades, any college grades, high school graduating class rank, and nature of courses; (2) school activities; (3) community activities; (4) performance on recognized tests designed to measure ability and aptitude for higher education, for example: Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT); (5) Written recommendations from instructors or other knowledgeable individuals not related to the applicant (limit of three), for example: School counselors, teachers and community leaders; and (6) one-page statement of academic purpose by applicant.

### **Selectee Agreement**

Each selectee and their sponsor (i.e., parent or legal guardian) shall be required to execute a written agreement with the corporation that he or she will comply with the scholarship program requirements as set out in the Bylaws of the corporation.

### **Educational/Scientific/Charitable Purposes**

The scholarship funds must be used exclusively for educational purposes; i.e., the actual and direct expenses of attending an accredited college or university in the United States. Compliance will protect the nonprofit and tax exempt status of the corporation and ensure the availability of future scholarships.

### **How to Apply**

- a. Application forms are available online at:

<http://jscpeople.jsc.nasa.gov/ncsf.htm>

or in Building \_\_\_\_, Room \_\_\_\_, at this Center. Please contact \_\_\_\_\_, extension \_\_\_\_, for additional information. Applications should be prepared with black inked pen or be typewritten. Electronically completed forms should be printed in black ink and submitted as below. Electronic submission is not allowed.

- b. All completed application forms, transcripts, grades/scores or materials must be received by the scholarship committee by **March 22, 2004**. The mailing address is:

NASA Johnson Space Center  
AH8/NASA College Scholarship Fund, Inc.  
Building 12 Room 105  
2101 NASA Parkway  
Houston, TX 77058

- c. High school seniors or accelerated graduating students must furnish, or arrange for the school to furnish, an official transcript of their high school grades and; if the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) scores are not shown on the transcript, an official record of SAT or ACT scores must be furnished no later than March 22, 2004.

- d. College students must furnish, or arrange for the school to furnish, their most recent official transcript of college grades with the application as well as an official transcript of high school grades. If the SAT or ACT scores are not shown on a transcript, an official record of SAT or ACT scores must be furnished no later than March 22, 2004.

- e. All late applications will be returned.

### **Selection of Winners**

- a. Application forms and all attachments are copied and sanitized by the administrative staff to remove all references to name, race, gender, location, etc. This process ensures that all applications are considered fairly. The sanitized forms and attachments will be evaluated by the Scholarship Selection Committee and the top candidates selected.
- b. All applicants will be notified by mail of the results by approximately May 15, 2004.